Hi Parents,

Only two weeks to go until the end of term, and hasn’t it gone quickly! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important legal requirements regarding late children / early leavers and attendance in general. I know, at times, we can get caught up in the morning and before we know it we are late for school. It does happen. The law says that your child needs to attend school every day, for the full day, unless sick (having the day off for your birthday, unless sick, is not a good enough reason for absence from school). If you are running late, it is a legal requirement that YOU SIGN YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL at the office upon their arrival. Your child cannot be dropped off at the school gate and expected to walk into the school on their own. As the staff at school are the ‘legal guardians’ of your child between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm, we are responsible for their safety. Please assist us with this legal requirement by ensuring your child is ON TIME or, if late, that you have SIGNED THEM IN. We ask for your support around this practice, as it not only is a legal requirement (as the roll is a legal document), but it impacts on your child’s education and attendance record.

In last fortnight’s newsletter there was a link for a survey regarding the book packs for this year. At present, we have had one parent response. So thank you if that was you. I have attached the link below and ask that you take the 45secs to respond please so that we have a good indication as to how you feel about our book pack arrangements here at school. Even if your child is moving on to high school, please feel free to respond so that we know what people thought.

There are only three questions and one ‘open’ option for comment if you choose. Thank you in advance for your feedback. The link below has been emailed to parents who have email access & you are then able to click onto the link & it will take you straight to the survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKSBMT2

BALL GAMES—TOMORROW

Tomorrow is our Small School Ball Games Carnival. Students, parents and teachers from Grandchester and Kentville State Schools will be joining us here to have a day of fun competition. Thanks to all those families who have supported our P&C with ensuring your tuckshop information was received on time. Best of luck to our teams for the day and I look forward to reporting to you in our last newsletter for the term on just how we went on the day. Parent helpers will be required from 8:00am to prepare tuckshop orders, manning & selling from the tuckshop as well as cooking the barbecue. We will work around your child’s events so you don’t miss out on seeing them, so please come & lend a hand!!
OTHER NEWS:

THANKYOU MRS RAABE

Over the last three weeks we have been lucky to have Mrs Kelly Raabe helping out in the P-3 classroom. Mrs Raabe is currently studying for her Bachelor of Education which requires her to undertake practical experience in different schools. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing her smiling face everyday and her enthusiasm has been contagious. The students have learnt many new things thanks to Mrs Raabe and we wish her all the best for the future.

CHAPPY CORNER

This week was the second week of doing embroidery with a few keen and creative students in first break. We are making bookmarks which will look really neat when we’re finished! We also just started this week, in second break, making Alien and Robot pillows with the younger students. They are getting the concept well and it will be exciting to see these when they are completed.

It has been lovely to see students helping each other while doing these projects. Also on the playground and in the classroom, the students are very quick to help each other out.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend,

Chappy Christina

‘It is impossible to make another person feel good without doing the same to ourselves.’ Hal Urban

P&C NEWS

PORTRAIT FUNDRAISING

We have received confirmation that our Family Portrait Fundraising date is Sunday 2 November, 2014 at the Mulgowie Hall, Mulgowie. Attached to this newsletter is a booking flyer for this event.

Each booking includes a range of different family, kids, individual and couple photos taken in your fun photography session. You view all images and choose one to be printed for your $15 print and frame. You will have the opportunity to own your own digital files.

To make a booking online, please type www.trybooking.com/FUAR into the address bar on your computer and follow the prompts. Our event details will come up as the homepage and you can continue from there to pay with credit card online. Confirmation of booking times will be emailed directly to the family once their booking is made.

For cash bookings, go to the above online booking link, enter ALL family details and then apply your unique promo code in the checkout section. **The Cash Booking code is :thorntoncash**

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 7 October, 7:00pm
ALL WELCOME
OTHER NEWS CONT.:

FIRE EDUCATION TALK
A big thankyou to Fireman Clint, Brian & Troy who visited our school last Monday and spoke to the children & staff about fire safety. The children all got to have a go at holding the fire hose and practiced an important fire drill: Stop Drop & Roll.

LOCKYER LOTE—OKTOBERFEST
The year 6 and 7 students have been given the opportunity to experience authentic German culture at the RNA showgrounds in Brisbane on Thursday 16 October as part of their German class. The cost of the day remains at $40, which needs to be paid to the office by Monday 15 September, previously advised to be paid by 19 September. It would be great to see us support this day.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Laidley Spring Festival, 11 - 13 September.
From winning gardens to art exhibitions, from flowers and orchids To How to Train Your Dragon characters, from the Quilt Expo to local market stalls, from Bananas in Pyjamas to local musicians - there really is something for everyone at Laidley Spring Festival. Thursday 11 and Friday 12 enjoy the Flowers and Gardens Show with guest speakers, the Orchid Show, Laidley Arts Society Artists' Exhibition, Quilt and Craft Expo, Church displays, markets as well as displays at Laidley Pioneer Village and Das Neumann Haus.

Then on Saturday, the Recreation Grounds come alive with entertainment, activities, rides, food and drinks, craft with the highlight being Bananas in Pyjamas, How to Train Your Dragon and Mr Peabody and Sherman. The steam train arrives from Ipswich at 11am approx, then does the Laidley to Gatton return leg. There will be markets, music, street stalls and of course the street parade at 1pm. For more information phone 1300 005 872 or 5466 3426.
SPORTS NEWS:-

Last week we had three students competing at QEII in Athletics. All of whom represented Thornton, Laidley and Lockyer in the manner we have come to expect from our students. We are very proud of them and their achievements. Great job Eliza, Laura & Elise!

School Awards:  Weeks 6 & 7

Junior:

Student of the Week:  Damien Jones (6) Paxton Woodward (7)
English:  Gemma Carniel (6) Jett Emmerson (6)
Spelling:  Freddy Moss (7)
Maths:  Chad Pollock (6) Joe Foxlee (7)
Art:  River Hodgetts (6) Lachlan Litfin (7)
History:  Jamal Selimich (6) Noah Boyes (7)
Perseverance:  Haylee Harris (7)

Senior:

Student of the Week:  Layla Millard (6) Ashley Taber (7)
Music:  Isabella Brooks (6) Noah Emmerson (7)
PE:  Noah Emmerson (6)
Lote:  Angus Kelly (6)
History:  Isabella Brooks (6) Hannah Kerle (7)
Art:  Eliza Carniel (6) Mikalah Gear (7)
Literacy:  Sydney Jones (7)
Maths:  Laura Carniel (7) Tyler Harris (7)
Citizenship:  Georgia Skelton (7)